Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six then the above Obligation to be void, else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law — Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Benjamin Lankford Jr. William his mark Lankford

Beachamp Harper (Seal)
Samuel Betsworth (Seal)

On the back of the aforegoing Bond was thus endorsed to wit; February 27th 1788 I sign over all the right and title that I have to this Bond that is mentioned within to Josiah Sterling, as witness my hand and seal —
Test Edward Roe —

Aaron Sterling (Seal)

And the said Aaron Sterling by his Attorney afs.d prayed that the said Beachamp Harper and Samuel Betsworth to his Declaration afs.d might answer: whereupon it was ruled by the Court, at the prayer of the said Aaron Sterling that the said Beachamp Harper and Samuel Betsworth should answer to the Declaration afs.d by the second Tuesday in April then next following: And it was said to the said Beachamp and Samuel that if they should not answer to the Declaration afs.d by the time afs.d, Judgment should be rendered against them by default: The same time was given to the said Aaron Sterling there and so forth — At which day to wit, the second Tuesday in April seventeen hundred and eighty nine, here came the said Aaron Sterling by his Attorney afs.d and prayed that the said Beachamp and Samuel might be ruled to implead new Counsel by the twentieth day of July then next following: And it was again said to the said Beachamp and Samuel at the prayer of the said Aaron that if they should not answer to the Declaration afs.d of the said Aaron by the second Tuesday in September then next Judgment should be rendered against them by default: the same day was given to the said Aaron there and so forth — At which day to wit, the second Tuesday in September, here came the said Aaron by his Attorney afs.d, and the said Beachamp and Samuel, by William Hayward their Attorney, came and defended the force and injury when and so forth, and craved oyer of the writing Obligatory afs.d and it is read to him in these words following to wit; Maryland ss. Know all Men by these presents that I Beachamp Harper of Dorchester County and Samuel Betsworth of Somerset County are held and firmly bound unto Aaron Sterling

of the County afs.d in the full and just sum of two hundred and sixty seven pounds ten shillings Specie, to be paid to the said Aaron Sterling, or his certain Attorney, Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns: To which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this twenty fourth day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty five — And they also craved Oyer of the Condition of the said writing Obligatory which is read to them in these words, that is to say; The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bounded Beachamp Harper of Dorchester and Samuel Betsworth do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the above named Aaron Sterling or his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns the just and full sum of one hundred and thirty three pounds fifteen shillings Gold and Silver that is to say Spanish Milled Dollars at seven shillings and six pence each, Half Johannases at nine Pennyweight, and other Gold by weight with legal interest thereon: But the cash not to be paid unto the said Sterling till the fifteenth day of February next, it being in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six; then the above Obligation to be void, else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law — which being read and heard they said that the said Aaron ought not to have or maintain his said Action thereof against them the said Beachamp and Samuel, because they say, that after the making of the said writing Obligatory and after the said day of in the Condition mentioned and before the day of impetration of the original writ in this Cause, that is to say, on the day of in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and at they the same Beachamp and Samuel paid to the said Aaron the said sum of in the said Condition mentioned, together with all the legal interest then thereon due, and this they are ready to verify: wherefore they prayed Judgment whether the said Aaron ought to have or maintain his said Action thereof against them the said Beachamp and Samuel. And the same Aaron by his Attorney afs.d said, that he by any thing by the same Beachamp and Samuel above in pleading al-